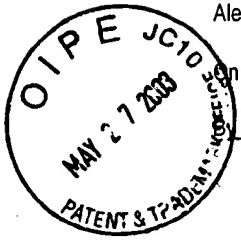


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Pursuant to the Notice of Allowability dated 5/25/03, Applicant submits 47 sheets of formal drawings to be made of record in the above-identified application.

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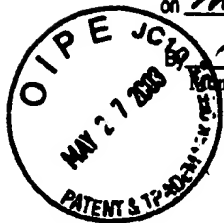
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Applicant no longer wishes to claim small entity status for the above-identified application.

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